

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 are pending in the application. New claims 10-14 are added via this Amendment.

35 U.S.C. §103:

Claim 8

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukushima et al. (WO 01/45957 [hereinafter “Fukushima”]) in view of Wedel et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,573,877 [hereinafter “Wedel”]). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of the following remarks.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness the Examiner must show that the prior art references, when combined, teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. See MPEP § 2143. Applicant respectfully submits that the references cited above by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest all of the features in amended claim 8. Claim 8 has been amended to further define the method as including the depositing of an ink permeative layer that is made of a heat-resistant material containing 20 to 80 % of at least one of urethane resin and polyester resin. This step would not have been taught nor suggested by the mere disclosure of depositing ink in Fukushima. The instrument panel of Wedel also fails to teach or suggest this feature. Therefore, the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is requested to be withdrawn.

Claim 9

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukushima in view of Wedel and further in view of Kasahara et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,599,613 [hereinafter "Kasahara"]). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of the following remarks.

Kasahara is relied upon for teaching a manufacture of display plates using an ink jet printer. Applicant submits that claim 9 is patentable over the applied references at least by virtue of it depending from claim 8. This is because Kasahara fails to make up for the deficient teachings of Fukushima and Wedel in regard to claim 8. The rejection of claim 9 is therefore requested to be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS:

Applicant adds new claims 10-14 to obtain more varied protection for the invention. These claims are submitted to be patentable over the applied art due to their novel and unobvious features.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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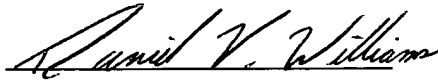
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